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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : National Intelligence Officer for Latin America

SUBJECT : CIA Representation on Interagency Committees Concerned with Central America

REFERENCE : Memo from William P. Clark, NSC; Subj: Public Affairs Strategy for El Salvador; 13 March 1982 (ER-82-26761)

1. You have requested my written suggestions about who should be attending the three recently established NSC interagency groups on Central America. This will require a few words to describe the three newly established committees 25X1

2. The "core management group" will discuss and monitor policy and is under the control of Assistant Secretary Enders as Chairman. Meetings have been chaired by Enders and participants to date have included Messrs. Fontaine (NSC), Bosworth (State), Sanchez and Gen. Gorman (DOD), and Clarridge from CIA. Although only one person from each organization is requested for this "core group", Defense has two, and CIA also has a need (I believe) to have both activities represented. 25X1

3. My recommendation is that the NIO/LA and Mr. Clarridge should participate on a regular basis to represent CIA. 25X1

4. Two other interagency committees are concerned with legislative strategy and public affairs. These are under the overall direction of White House Chief of Staff James Baker but Enders provides the day-to-day direction, usually through one Deputy (Steve Bosworth) chairing the legislative strategy group and one Special Assistant (John Bushnell) leading the public affairs group. 25X1

5. Effective CIA representation on these two committees requires knowledge both about the legislative and public affairs domain as well as information about current policy, current intelligence, and a strategic perspective on coming events in Central America. 25X1

6. Therefore, my recommendation is that CIA be represented by the NIO/LA and [] or the person he designates. 25X1

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